

## WEB PAGE INSTRUCTIONS

### COMMENTS SOUGHT ON NOAA'S RESEARCH REPORT

#### BACKGROUND

The 2003 House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Reports have language pertaining to the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research. The report accompanying the House Commerce, Justice State (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee mark states: "In recognition of current resource limitations the Committee is forced to operate within, the Committee directs NOAA to review the continued requirements for twelve separate laboratories, six of which are located in Boulder, Colorado. The Committee directs NOAA to submit a laboratory consolidation plan to the Committee by March 15, 2004." The Senate report language states: "NOAA is directed to report to the Committee on Appropriations on the costs and benefits of breaking OAR up into its constituent parts and distributing those parts as desirable to the other line offices. The report should specifically address how the newly configured research sector will directly assist line offices in developing timely solutions to problems confronting NOAA now and in the next 5 years."

In response to the Congressional report language the NOAA asked the Science Advisory Board (SAB) to appointed a Research Review Team consisting of five members. The Review team will be disbanded once the review is completed and a final report issued. This panel is tasked with; **1) Conducting a review of OAR for the purpose of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of its research enterprise, 2) Establishing if OAR is adequately linked to NOAA's service organizations, 3) Assessing if the research programs are relevant to the needs of these organizations.** The team's recommendations will assist NOAA in responding to the language in the 2004 House and Senate CJS appropriation reports.

The Research Review Team will present its findings to the Science Advisory Board in two (2) reports. The first draft of the first report is posted below for public comment. Public comments may be submitted from December 15, 2003 to January 14 , 2004.

The review panel is seeking public comment from all interested parties. This draft is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. The Review Team will review the public comments received on the draft document. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in the final draft report.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENTS

Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting your review comments. The format below will facilitate the processing of reviewer comments and assure that your comments are appropriately considered. Please provide background information about yourself on the first page of your comments: your name (s), organization(s), area(s) of expertise, mailing address (es), telephone and fax numbers, email address (es). Overview comments on the section should follow your background information and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs or lines of the section should follow your overview comments and should identify the page numbers to which they apply. Please number all your pages, (on the upper right hand of each page,) and have your identifying information at the top of each page.

DATES: Comments on this draft document must be submitted by [30 days from the date of publication or January 14, 2004. ]

All comments SHOULD be sent electronically to:

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**(THE FIRST DRAFT REPORT)**  
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